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South: Rich & Andrea Gill, 3815 Calvert Place
Wednesday, October 7th 7-8 pm



Mayor Pete Fosselman's Notes:

Welcome Matthew Hoffman—Now on-board helping me and Town Manager, Sanford Daily. Matt recently worked for the City of Cumberland, Maryland interning as the Assistant to the City Administrator while attending Frostburg State University. Matt grew up in Olney and is a Sherwood High School graduate. Please stop by Town Hall and say hello.

If there was a **Good Neighbor Award** to be given, it would go to Bill Glover and Cinda Debink for the "Movie in the Park." The big-screen movie was ready to roll at St. Paul's Park, when the rains began and the show was cancelled. Hopefully we may start a tradition of evening movie nights, featuring PG-13 and G films.

The Town wishes to thank Dr. Kelly for paying for the **new sidewalk on Baltimore Avenue**. This was part of the site plan approval to Dr. Kelly's practice on Montgomery Avenue. **New sidewalk on Connecticut Avenue** update from State Highway's Kate Mazzara: "Our designers determined that more survey information is required as well as a full underground utility designation. We have sent the request in to have that work completed and are looking at having the information back by Oct. At that point - we should be good to go with all the design activities."

Warner Mansion—From Brenda Sandberg, M-NCPPC: "We are currently on the Planning Board agenda to give them a briefing on our progress on September 24 and we would very much like to brief the Town one more time on the direction our concept plan drawings are going and get another round of input from the community before we head to the Planning

Board. Note that we will not be asking for formal approval of the concept plan from the Town Council or the Planning Board at this time (a change from our previous plans). 9/24 will just be a briefing of the Board on the draft concept, telling them how we plan to proceed with the rest of the design work and how we intend to try to find funding for this project. We then intend to start educating the County Council and our State Delegates on the importance of this project so we can try to find funding for the actual construction while the design work continues."

Kensington Cabin—From Joey Lampl, M-NCPPC: "There has been no movement at this time on the Kensington Cabin. Our statement in the Kensington Sector plan remains the same; namely, that our goal is to eventually rehabilitate the cabin based on its historic significance. I also have put a placeholder in the proposed FY 11-16 Capital Improvement Program budget (within the Restoration of Historic Structures project) for \$100,000 in funding towards that goal in FY 12. That budget has not yet been approved, but we move into hearings this fall with the Council on the CIP. "

Reynold's House—3914 Baltimore Avenue: The Family has decided to sell the fire damaged home. We hope the new owners will restore the property to a single family residence and have been advocating for it.

Police Reports: The Council takes crime very seriously, which is why we stay in touch with our local District 2 Officers, hold meetings with the Police, Safety Forums; and starting last May, we increased our current budget to \$34K for additional patrols. These patrols have been extremely affective. While we have seen a recent rash of crime, the increase is minimal. That's not to say we shouldn't be concerned, but the internet chatter has magnified incidents that we wouldn't normally hear about, thus
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(Cont') creating a perception of an epidemic. In fact, the overall crime stats have decreased in Kensington. While communicating with each other is important, reporting the incident to the Police is crucial. Reason one is so the Police may maintain stats to justify funding for additional officers and equipment. In addition, many of the Town crimes are due to unlocked vehicles or electronics (or evidence of such as wires and holders) in plain sight. Lock your vehicles, remove all valuables from them, and report all crimes.

Speed cameras: Delegate Al Carr and the Town led the successful fight in Annapolis, to allow speed cameras in Montgomery County Municipalities. Kensington and Chevy Chase View met on August 31st with the County to discuss locations along Connecticut Avenue for potential cameras; as well as a revenue sharing program. Details will be a topic at the next Town Council Meeting and the Council will be taking a position.



NEEDED: Youngens' who "Will Work for Tips" to pull our K-Town Kabs (John Deere small metal wagons). Buyers can "hire" them to help tote purchases to cars. Every Saturday 8am-12noon—come see the latest vendors and the Market improvements! Coming soon—*Artist Alley!* And don't forget to buy your Earth-friendly Reusable Farmers' Market Tote Bag, on sale for \$5 at Town Hall or on Saturdays during the Market.

Town Picnic is back this October—details to follow. Volunteers welcome. Please contact Barrie Carr to help barriecarr@gmail.com.



CONTEST ENDS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS-WORTH OF PRIZES FROM AREA MERCHANTS & BUSINESSES
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Town Meeting Minutes - June 22, 2009 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Donatelli, McMullen, Scott and Thompson, Town Manager Sanford Daily, and Clerk-Treasurer Susan Engels were present. The Mayor's Assistant, Claudia Donnelly, was necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence observed.

The Mayor reported he met with Bethesda Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce and attended their annual real estate update; attended the event to rename the Leland Center to the Jane E Lawton Community Center, after our former Delegate; met with contracted Town architects to work on renderings for the Sector Plan; attended an event to honor Mayor Katz of Gaithersburg; served on the Smart Growth Initiative Task Force; attended a fundraiser for Senator Rob Garagiola, attended a Jubilee Association event for Senator Rich Madaleno; met with Delegate Carr and representatives from the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County; met with Council Member Valerie Ervin and representatives from Nancy Floreen's office on expanding the historic district; and noted the Montgomery County Police Department has started a Kensington Crime Reduction and Deterrence Program.

Council Member Scott was recognized for serving as Council Member for two years.

Council Member McMullen noted he is planning on attending the Town of Somerset's meeting on LED street lights to explore options for the Town.

Council Member Donatelli held a farmers market meeting, followed up with Maier Warner on the farmers market, met with architects on the Sector Plan, attended Fred Boyd's open comment session, and attended a fundraiser for Delegate Carr.

The Town Manager reported the Town is closer to signing the agreement with Konterra; and the street repair/resurfacing project is almost complete

and will include some brick sidewalk work.

A site plan courtesy review was held for a second story addition to Ayoub Carpet and Rug at 10516 Metropolitan Avenue. Robert Smith, an architect presented drawings and explained the project and answered questions. No significant concerns were noted.

A site plan courtesy review was held for the Kelly property at 10335 Kensington Parkway for a new single story building. Dr. Kelly, the applicant, was present and explained a new building was needed for his dental office to be more accessible. Council Member Donatelli disclosed her home is across the street from the proposed building and she knows the applicant. Concerns were expressed over landscaping, design and material used on the new building. Dr. Kelly stated he would provide a landscape plan and work with the Town on the materials used. He also noted as part of the project he would be installing the missing sidewalk on Baltimore Avenue which was being required by the County. A letter will be sent to the County expressing the concerns.

The draft of the Sector Plan was discussed. Conceptual drawings were displayed which showed bike connections throughout the Town, three scenarios on connecting east and west Howard Avenues, enhancements to the railroad area, and examples of the new CR zone of mixed use. The Mayor gave an overview on the draft Sector Plan and noted this was an opportunity for Residents to comment on the draft plan. Residents expressed concerns over the height limit of 75 feet. Fred Boyd discussed the relationship between the Sector Plan and schools. A video from the May 21, 2009 Planning Board meeting was shown. The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on July 9th.

The resolution for approval of the Maier Warner contract was postponed until review by the Town attorney.

Town Meeting Minutes cont'd. June 22, 2009 Council Actions

Council Member Donatelli moved to approve the minutes from June 8, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Scott moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Meeting Minutes July 6, 2009

Council Organizational Meeting, 6:35 p.m.



Mary Donatelli and Mackie Barch were sworn in as Council Members. Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Barch, Donatelli, McMullen, and Thompson, Town Manager Sanford Daily, Mayor's Assistant Claudia Donnelly, and Clerk Treasurer Susan Engels were present.

Areas of interest were assigned as follows: Mayor – Council, Personnel, Strategic Planning; Council Member Barch - Business Development (Co-Donatelli), Business Liaison (Co-Donatelli), Parks, Special Events, Technology, Revitalization (Co-Donatelli); Council Member Donatelli - Arts Council, Business Development (Co-Barch), Business Liaison (Co-Barch), Revitalization (Co-Barch), Streetscape (Co-Thompson), Town Signage; Council Member McMullen - Finance, Historic Preservation, Legislative Charter & Code Review (Co-Thompson), Street Lighting, Trees and Environment; Council Member Thompson - Infrastructure and Services, Land Use, Legislative Charter & Code Review (Co-McMullen), Streetscape, Traffic and Public Safety; Delegate Carr – Montgomery Municipal Cable TV.

Town Meetings will continue to be on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

The Mayor noted a closed session would be held in July to discuss legal issues with the Town Attorney on the sign ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Council Member Donatelli was designated to have signing authority on the Town's checking account along with Council Member Barch in her absence.

Council Member Barch suggested creating our own Chamber of Commerce instead of being part of Wheaton-Kensington. The Mayor clarified how an item is added to the agenda.

Council Actions

Council Member McMullen moved for Council Member Donatelli to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member

Barch moved to adjourn the organizational meeting at 7:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

July 6, 2009 Town Meeting, 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Donatelli, McMullen, and Scott, Town Manager Sanford Daily, Clerk-Treasurer Susan Engels, Mayor's Assistant Claudia Donnelly were present. John Thompson was necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence observed.

Approval of the minutes from June 22, 2009 was postponed until the next meeting.

The Mayor summarized the organizational meeting held (see above minutes). The Mayor reported the following: he attended the MML Conference, gave a presentation on green codes and spoke on the new Commercial Residential Zone; the area by the Town clock has been re-landscaped; new Farmers' Market reusable bags are available for \$5; expansion of Farmers' Market will begin on July 11th; explained the Life in Kensington Photo Contest, the deadline is September 15th; and explained a new revitalization program in which three businesses will be chosen at each Town meeting to be featured in the Town newsletter.

The businesses chosen to be featured in the next newsletter were Bartholomew Drywall and Alec Anders, MD.

Council Member McMullen attended the Bike Parade and thanked the Fitzpatrick's for organizing the well attended event.

Council Member Donatelli attended the MML Conference and Bike Parade, and is working on the Farmers' Market expansion.

Council Member Barch reported he attended the MML Conference and has been working with the Kensington Business District Association to determine interest in creating our own chamber of commerce.

The Mayor asked for input on the following summary of comments received on the Sector Plan which will be communicated at the MNCPPC Public Hearing on Thursday July 9th. Comments include

a bike connection from west Howard Avenue to Rock Creek Park, a bike path along Kensington Parkway, a Connecticut Avenue roundabout, Connecticut Avenue pedestrian connection, improvements to west Howard Avenue facades, engaging the railroad, more trees in Town, more green space, mixed uses, concern 7 stories was too high, desire to expand historic district, a scaled down version of the new CR zone; not changing school boundaries, desire to see Connecticut Avenue bridge expanded for pedestrians, new unit counts may be excessive, setbacks should be wider for pedestrians, and address Silver Creek flooding issues. Added to the comments was concern development would be too much for infrastructure and traffic.

The Mayor reappointed Jeff Capron, Leslie Olson, and Kerry Thompson to the Audit Committee.

The Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP) for demolition at 3914 Baltimore Street was discussed. The Council agreed they do not want more than one house on the lot and would prefer the original house be restored. HPC will be having a Public Hearing on July 8th on HAWP.

A Public Hearing will be held at the August 10th Town Meeting on the amendments to the Sign Ordinance. The Mayor explained it is an informal process to have something put on the agenda for Town meetings.

Council Actions

Council Member McMullen moved to introduce the ordinance to amend Chapter VI "Commercial Regulations", Article I "Advertising" to revise requirements as to commercial signs as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Donatelli moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Council

Meeting Minutes

July 29, 2009 7:06 p.m.

Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Barch, Donatelli, McMullen, and Thompson, Town Attorney, Suellen

Ferguson and Town Manager, Sanford Daily were present.



The Mayor reported the that there two purposes for to-night's meeting, one to adopt a resolution generally supporting the Kensington Sector Plan before the Montgomery County Planning Board of the Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission. Particularly since there is a scheduled joint work session is schedule with the Board on Thursday, July 30th at 9:30 A.M. And the second to hold a closed legal work session with the Town Attorney in order consult with Legal Counsel to obtain advice regarding the legal issues regarding the proposed sign ordinance, scheduled for public hearing on August 10th.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the proposed resolution and after considerable discussion and several comments from the audience and the Town Attorney, the Council made a few changes to the resolution.

Council Actions

Council Member McMullen moved to adopt Resolution No. R-10-2009: A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council for Kensington, Maryland Endorsing the Proposed Kensington Sector Plan before the Montgomery County Planning Board of the Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session

Council Member Thompson moved to close the meeting to discuss legal issues with the Town Attorney on the Sign Ordinance at 8:16 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. No Actions were taken.

Remember to check out our website dedicated to promoting all that is great in TOK:

WWW.EXPLOREKENSINGTON.COM



K-Town's Best—Most Civic Minded

In this new column, a business(es) will be featured based on a chosen theme.

David Gregg Tree Service and Landscaping

David Gregg has contributed to the beauty of our Town for the past 30+ years. He has helped landscape and maintain the Town's green spaces and many of the finest private yards throughout Kensington. David is also a Licensed Tree Expert and has removed and replaced trees when necessary and is always on call for emergency tree work. Every December, David donates his time to decorate the Town's Christmas tree. Every fall, David has donated his time and equipment to install the Labor Day and 8K Race Banners. *David Gregg Tree Service and Landscaping, 4421 Independence St., Rockville, MD. 301-942-5164*

Acorn Self Storage, located just outside the Town limits, has been a huge sponsor of our Labor Day festivities and has consistently maintained a wonderfully landscaped exterior, providing a nice gateway into Kensington for visitors. The facility offers month to month leases and is open 7 Days a week. The staff can help you determine the right size storage space that you would need and Acorn carries a variety of boxes, locks and supplies. It is located ¼ mile past the Pizza Hut on University Blvd., 11015 West Avenue 301 768-4945.

Who's Here in Town?

The following businesses were randomly chosen at the previous Council Meeting.

Grant Antiques, located at 4111 Howard Ave, sells a wide range of antiques—primarily English, French, Scandinavian and Oriental furniture and clocks. It also offers antique restoration services

for residents in the area. Its hours are 11:00 am - 6:00 pm Thursday-Saturday, or by special appointment. Grant Antiques can be reached at 301-215-9292 or on their website, www.grantantiques.com.

Meineke Mufflers, on 3825-B Dupont Ave. is the Kensington Branch of an international chain that works to repair automobiles. Services cover problems and replacement on exhaust systems, brakes, steering, A/C, batteries and general maintenance. Mechanics also do general tune-ups and sell basic car supplies and parts. Meineke Mufflers is open Monday -Saturday from 7:30 am -6:00 pm, and can be reached at 301-946-5521.

Permits

Shed – 10306 Fawcett St.
Fence – 10305 Armory Ave.
Fence – 10100 Frederick Ave.
New Building – 10339 Kensington Pkwy.

Kensington Kids Corner



Picture by Johnnie Donatelli, age 7

"School's Open - Drive Carefully"

Did you know that 50% of children struck by cars near schools are hit by parents driving other children to school?

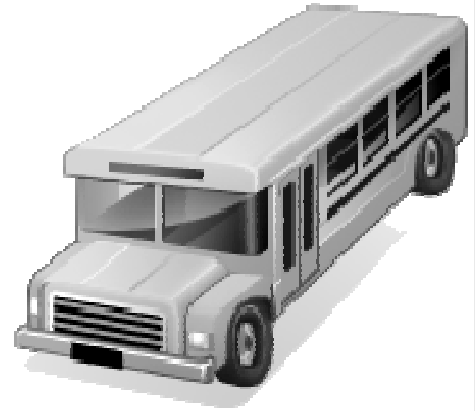
Slow down near schools and in residential areas.

Drive with your headlights on - even during the day - so children and other drivers can see you.

Look for clues such as AAA School Safety Patrollers, bicycles and playgrounds that indicate children could be in the area.

Scan between parked cars and other objects for signs of children.

Practice extra caution in bad weather.



The above was excerpted from Mid-Atlantic Foundation for Safety and Education

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